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Acme International Holdings Limited 益美國際控股有限公司

(incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock code: 1870)

ANNUAL RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS		
	For the year	· ended
	31 Decen	nber
	2021	2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Revenue	376,564	435,797
Gross loss	(140,109)	(25,625)
Loss before income tax	(175,696)	(48,509)
Loss for the year	(187,463)	(47,838)

ANNUAL RESULTS

The board (the "Board") of directors (the "Directors") of Acme International Holdings Limited (the "Company") presents the consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively as the "Group") for the year ended 31 December 2021 (the "Year"), together with the audited comparative figures for the year ended 31 December 2020 as follows:

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

		Year ended 31	31 December	
		2021	2020	
	Note	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Revenue	3	376,564	435,797	
Cost of sales	5 _	(516,673)	(461,422)	
Gross loss		(140,109)	(25,625)	
Other income		715	6,775	
Other (losses)/gains, net	4	(2,428)	599	
Administrative expenses	5 _	(31,982)	(30,012)	
Operating loss		(173,804)	(48,263)	
Finance income		78	365	
Finance costs	_	(1,970)	(611)	
Finance costs, net	-	(1,892)	(246)	
Loss before income tax		(175,696)	(48,509)	
Income tax (expenses)/credits	6 _	(11,767)	671	
Loss for the year	=	(187,463)	(47,838)	
Loss per share attributable to owners of				
the Company for the year	8			
— Basic and diluted (HK cents)	_	(33.58)	(9.20)	

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	Year ended 31 December		
	2021		
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Loss for the year	(187,463)	(47,838)	
Other comprehensive loss:			
Item that will not be reclassified to			
consolidated income statement			
Changes in the fair value of financial assets			
at fair value through other comprehensive income		(7,682)	
Other comprehensive loss for the year		(7,682)	
Total comprehensive loss for the year	(187,463)	(55,520)	

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	As at 31 December		
		2021	2020
	Note	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment		4,462	1,769
Intangible asset		680	759
Deferred income tax assets			6,693
Deposits and prepayments	-	925	2,280
		6,067	11,501
Current assets			
Inventories		29,571	38,650
Trade and retention receivables	9	62,091	71,970
Contract assets	10	156,639	233,805
Deposits, prepayments and other receivables		10,698	20,654
Pledged deposits		65,374	62,229
Restricted deposits		8,461	2,930
Cash and cash equivalents	-	22,294	42,135
	-	355,128	472,373
Total assets	=	361,195	483,874
EQUITY			
Equity attributable to owners of the Company			
Share capital	11	6,240	5,200
Reserves	-	147,997	312,654
Total equity		154,237	317,854

	As at 31	December
	2021	2020
N_{c}	ote HK\$'000	HK\$'000
LIABILITIES		
Non-current liabilities		
Lease liabilities	2,262	791
Deferred income tax liabilities	18	12
Provisions	1,252	1,446
	3,532	2,249
Current liabilities		
Trade, bills and retention payables	124,584	137,602
Contract liabilities	6,381	6,714
Other payables and accruals	7,216	6,183
Income tax liabilities	1,301	649
Borrowings	49,300	5,262
Lease liabilities	2,247	419
Provisions	12,397	6,942
	203,426	163,771
Total liabilities	206,958	166,020
Total equity and liabilities	361,195	483,874

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 GENERAL INFORMATION

Acme International Holdings Limited was incorporated in the Cayman Islands on 17 August 2018 as an exempted company with limited liability under the Companies Law, Cap. 22 (Law 3 of 1961, as consolidated and revised) of the Cayman Islands. The address of the Company's registered office is Cricket Square, Hutchins Drive, PO Box 2681, Grand Cayman KY1-1111, Cayman Islands.

The Company is an investment holding company and its subsidiaries are principally engaged in the provision of design and build solutions for façade works ("Façade Works Business") and provision of design and build solutions for building maintenance unit ("BMU") systems ("BMU Systems Business") in Hong Kong.

The Company's shares were listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange").

The consolidated financial statements are presented in thousands of Hong Kong dollars ("HK\$'000"), unless otherwise stated.

2 BASIS OF PREPARATION

The consolidated financial statements of the Group have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") and requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance Cap. 622.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with HKFRSs requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Group's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the consolidated financial statements.

(a) New and amended standards adopted by the Group

The Group has applied the following standards and amendments for the first time for their annual reporting period commencing 1 January 2021:

 Interest Rate Benchmark Reform — Phase 2 — amendments to HKFRS 9, HKAS 39, HKFRS 7, HKFRS 4 and HKFRS 16

The amendments listed above did not have any impact on the amounts recognised in prior periods and are not expected to significantly affect the current or future periods.

(b) New standards and amendments to existing standards not yet adopted by the Group

The following are new standards and amendments to existing standards that have been published and are mandatory for the Group's accounting periods beginning after 1 January 2021 or later periods, but have not been early adopted by the Group:

Effective for

		accounting year beginning on or after
Amendments to Annual Improvements Project	Annual Improvements to HKFRS Standards 2018-2020 Cycle	1 January 2022
Revised Accounting Guideline 5	Merger Accounting for Common Control Combinations	1 January 2022
HKAS 37 (Amendments)	Onerous Contracts — Cost of Fulfilling a Contract	1 January 2022
HKFRS 3 (Amendments)	Reference to the Conceptual Framework	1 January 2022
HKAS 16 (Amendments)	Property, Plant and Equipment: Proceeds before intended use	1 January 2022
HKFRS 17	Insurance Contracts	1 January 2023
Amendments to HKAS 1	Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current	1 January 2023
Hong Kong Interpretation 5 (2020)	Presentation of Financial Statements — Classification by the Borrower of a Term Loan that Contains a Repayment on Demand Clause	1 January 2023
Amendments to HKAS 1 and HKFRS Practice Statement 2	Disclosure of Accounting Policies	1 January 2023
Amendments to HKAS 8	Definition of Accounting Estimates	1 January 2023
Amendments to HKAS 12	Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction	1 January 2023
Amendments to HKFRS 10 and HKAS 28	Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Ventures	To be determined

The Group is in the process of assessing potential impact of the above other new standards and amendments to existing standards that is relevant to the Group upon initial application. The management of the Group plans to adopt these new standards and amendments to existing standards when they become effective.

3 REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION

Management has determined the operating segments based on the information reviewed by the chief operating decision-maker ("CODM"). The CODM, who is responsible for allocating resources and assessing performance of the operating segment, has been identified as the Executive Directors of the Company.

Operating segments are reported in the manner consistent with the internal reporting provided to the CODM. The Group is subject to similar business risk, and resources are allocated based on what is beneficial to the Group in enhancing the value as a whole.

The Group is principally engaged in the following:

- Façade Works Business provision of design and build solutions for façade works; and
- BMU Systems Business provision of design and build solutions for BMU systems

Segment assets mainly exclude right-of-use assets for properties, intangible assets, deferred tax assets, pledged deposits, restricted deposits, cash and cash equivalents and other assets that are managed on a central basis.

Segment liabilities mainly exclude borrowings, lease liabilities, income tax payable, deferred tax liabilities, and other liabilities that are managed on a central basis.

Unallocated corporate expenses represent costs that are used for all segments, including depreciation expenses of HK\$2,242,000 (2020: HK\$2,210,000) and amortisation expenses of HK\$79,000 (2020: HK\$26,000).

(a) Revenue from customers contributing over 10% of the total revenue of the Group for the Year is as follows:

	Year ended 31 December		
	2021	2020	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Customer A — Façade Works Business	115,290	144,613	
— BMU Systems Business	16,623	12,779	
	131,913	157,392	
Customer B			
— Façade Works Business	18,165	92,842	
— BMU Systems Business	19,966	18,069	
	38,131	110,911	
Customer C			
— Façade Works Business	29,605	40,937	
— BMU Systems Business	20,641	26,924	
	50,246	67,861	
Customer D			
— Façade Works Business	48,012	56,674	
— BMU Systems Business	6,770	2,576	
	54,782	59,250	

(b) Revenue by customers' geographical location

The Group's revenue from external customers by geographical location, which is determined by locations of the customers is as follows:

	Year ended 31 I	Year ended 31 December	
	2021	2020	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Hong Kong	360,663	435,797	
Macau	15,901		
	376,564	435,797	

All of the Group's assets and liabilities are located in Hong Kong. Accordingly, no analysis by geographical basis for the year ended 31 December 2021 is presented (2020: Nil).

The Executive Directors assess the performance of the operating segments based on their underlying profit or loss, which is measured by profit or loss before income tax, excluding finance income, finance costs, depreciation on right-of-use assets of properties, amortisation of intangible asset and other corporate items, which are managed on a central basis.

	Façade Works Business Year ended 31 December		BMU Systems Business Year ended 31 December		Total Year ended 31 December	
	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Revenue from external customer						
recognised over time	213,485	336,203	163,079	99,594	376,564	435,797
Segment results	(200,858)	(66,744)	35,450	23,951	(165,408)	(42,793)
Unallocated other						
operating income					94	_
Unallocated corporate expenses					(8,490)	(5,470)
Finance income					78	365
Finance costs					(1,970)	(611)
Loss before income tax					(175,696)	(48,509)
Income tax (expenses)/credits					(11,767)	671
Loss for the year					(187,463)	(47,838)
Other segment information:						
Additions to property,	= (265	0.6	10	1.10	407
plant and equipment	56	365	86	42	142	407
Depreciation	577	1,283	43	65	620	1,348

	Façade Work	s Business	BMU System	s Business	Tota	al
	As at 31 December		As at 31 December		As at 31 December	
	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Segment assets	128,927	265,239	130,863	102,467	259,790	367,706
Unallocated assets				_	101,405	116,168
Total assets				=	361,195	483,874
Segment liabilities Unallocated liabilities	121,762	145,890	28,387	11,636	150,149 56,809	157,526 8,494
Total liabilities				_	206,958	166,020

4 OTHER (LOSSES)/GAINS, NET

	Year ended 31 December		
	2021		
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Foreign exchange differences, net	(349)	599	
Write off of prepayment for information system upgrade	(2,081)	_	
Others	2		
	(2,428)	599	

5 EXPENSES BY NATURE

	Year ended 31 December	
	2021	2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Construction costs recognised in cost of sales (Note a)	511,213	456,881
Provision for onerous construction contracts	5,377	3,803
Entertainment expenses	1,239	855
Office expenses	1,638	1,858
Employee benefit expenses recognised in administrative expenses		
(including directors' emoluments)	15,626	14,283
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	2,862	3,558
Amortisation expenses	79	26
Insurance expenses	2,600	2,294
Auditor's remuneration		
— Audit	2,000	2,000
— Non-audit	70	60
Legal and professional fees	2,654	2,460
Bank charges	286	194
Travelling expenses	792	776
Warranty expenses	83	738
Other expenses	2,136	1,648
_	548,655	491,434
Representing:		
Cost of sales	516,673	461,422
Administrative expenses	31,982	30,012
_	548,655	491,434

Note:

(a) Construction costs mainly included costs of construction materials, subcontracting charges, staff costs, testing, insurance and transportation.

6 INCOME TAX EXPENSES/(CREDITS)

Hong Kong profits tax has been provided at the rate of 16.5% (2020: 16.5%) on the estimated assessable profit for the year ended 31 December 2021. During the Year, the Group's subsidiary in Macau is subject to complementary tax at a standard rate of 12%. No overseas profits tax has been calculated for the Group's entities that are incorporated in the BVI or the Cayman Islands as they are tax exempted in their jurisdictions.

The amount of taxation charged/(credited) to the consolidated income statements represented:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2021	2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Current income tax		
— Hong Kong profits tax	5,058	3,776
— Macau complementary tax	20	_
 Adjustments for current tax of prior years 	(10)	1,704
Deferred income tax expenses/(credits)	6,699	(6,151)
	11,767	(671)

For the year ended 31 December 2021, tax recession relates to tax reduction to tax payable under Two-Tiered Profits Tax Rates Regime capped at HK\$165,000 (2020: HK\$165,000) for one of the Hong Kong incorporated entities of the Group.

According to Macau complementary tax law, Macau complementary tax is levied at progressive rates ranging from 3% to 9% on the taxable income above MOP32,000 but below MOP300,000, and thereafter at a fixed rate at 12%. In addition, according to the Budget for the financial year 2022 approved by the Legislative Assembly, the tax-free income threshold for complementary tax was increased from MOP32,000 to MOP600,000 for income derived in the tax year 2021. Taxable income over MOP600,000 is taxed at 12%. The Group has obtained such tax incentives amounting to HK\$140,000 for the year ended 31 December 2021 (2020: Nil).

7 DIVIDENDS

The Board does not recommend payment of final dividend for the year ended 31 December 2021 (2020: Nil).

A final dividend in respect of 2019 of HK\$5,200,000 was declared and paid during the year ended 31 December 2020.

8 LOSS PER SHARE

(a) Basic

Basic loss per share is calculated by dividing the loss attributable to the owners of the Company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the year.

	Year ended 31 December	
	2021	2020
Loss attributable to owners of the Company (HK\$'000) Weighted average number of	(187,463)	(47,838)
ordinary shares in issue (thousands)	558,181	520,000
Basic loss per share (HK cents)	(33.58)	(9.20)

(b) Diluted

Diluted loss per share is calculated by adjusting the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding to assume conversion of all potentially dilutive shares.

For the year ended 31 December 2021 and 2020, the Company has one type of potentially dilutive shares, the Pre-IPO Share Option. For the Pre-IPO Share Option, calculation was performed to determine the number of shares that could have been acquired at fair value (determined as the average market price of the Company's shares for the period) based on the monetary value of the subscription rights attached to the outstanding share options.

Diluted loss per share for the year ended 31 December 2021 and 2020 is the same as basic loss per share as the conversion of potential ordinary shares in relation to the outstanding Pre-IPO Share Options would have an anti-dilutive effect on the basic loss per share.

9 TRADE AND RETENTION RECEIVABLES

	As at 31 December	
	2021	2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Trade receivables (Note (a))	27,221	43,783
Retention receivables (Note (b))	34,870	28,187
Trade and retention receivables	62,091	71,970

(a) Trade receivables

The ageing analysis of the trade receivables based on invoice date was as follows:

	As at 31 December	
	2021	2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
0-30 days	15,379	25,750
31–60 days	10,792	15,620
61–90 days	382	2,075
91–180 days	595	230
Over 180 days	73	108
	27,221	43,783

(b) Retention receivables

Retention receivables are settled in accordance with the terms of the respective contracts. The terms and conditions in relation to the release of retention vary from contract to contract, which is subject to practical completion, the expiry of the defect liability period or a pre-agreed time period. In the consolidated statement of financial position, retention receivables were classified as current assets based on operating cycle. The ageing analysis of these retention receivables based on the terms of related contracts was as follows:

	As at 31 December	
	2021	2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Will be recovered within twelve months Will be recovered more than twelve months	8,002	4,762
after the end of the year	26,868	23,425
	34,870	28,187

10 CONTRACT ASSETS/LIABILITIES

The Group has recognised the following assets and liabilities related to contracts with customers:

	As at 31 December	
	2021	2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Contract assets relating to façade works construction contracts	74,157	170,929
Contract assets relating to BMU systems construction contracts	82,482	62,876
Total contract assets	156,639	233,805
	As at 31 Deco	ember
	2021	2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Contract liabilities relating to façade works construction contracts	4,436	3,961
Contract liabilities relating to BMU systems construction contracts	1,945	2,753
Total contract liabilities	6,381	6,714

(a) Significant changes in contract assets and liabilities

Contract assets have decreased as the Group has provided less construction services ahead of the right to payment upon receiving certification from quantity surveyors for fixed-price contracts in the Façade Works Business. The Group also applied the simplified approach to provide for expected credit losses prescribed by HKFRS 9, which permits the use of the lifetime expected loss provision for contract assets. No impairment was made as at 31 December 2021 (2020: Nil).

Contract liabilities for the construction contracts have decreased due to the negotiation of smaller prepayments on overall contract activities.

(b) Revenue recognised in relation to contract liabilities

The following table shows how much of the revenue recognised during the years ended 31 December 2021 and 2020 relates to carried-forward contract liabilities and how much relates to performance obligations that were satisfied in a prior year.

	As at 31 December	
	2021	2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Revenue recognised that was included in the contract		
liabilities balance at the beginning of the year	5,982	7,067

(c) Unsatisfied performance obligations

The following table shows unsatisfied performance obligations resulting from fixed-price long-term construction contracts.

	As at 31 December	
	2021	2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Aggregate amount of the transaction price allocated to		
long-term construction contracts that are partially or		
fully unsatisfied as at year end	372,954	613,480

Management expects that the transaction prices regarding the unsatisfied contracts as of 31 December 2021 will be recognised as revenue during the next corresponding reporting periods by referencing to the progress towards completion of the contract activity. The amount disclosed above does not include consideration which is constrained.

11 SHARE CAPITAL

	Number of ordinary shares	Share Capital <i>HK\$'000</i>
Authorised: As at 1 January 2020, 31 December 2020, 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021	4,000,000,000	40,000
Issued and fully paid: As at 1 January 2020, 31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021 Placing and Subscription of new shares (<i>Note (i)</i>)	520,000,000 104,000,000	5,200 1,040
As at 31 December 2021	624,000,000	6,240

Note (i): On 30 July 2021, the Company entered into the placing agreement with the joint placing agents in respect of the placing of up to 52,000,000 new shares at an issue price of HK\$0.19 per share (the "Placing"). In addition, on the same day, the Company entered into the subscription agreement with a subscriber, of which the subscriber agreed to subscribe for 52,000,000 new shares at a subscription price of HK\$0.19 per share (the "Subscription"). The Placing and the Subscription were completed on 20 August 2021 and 104,000,000 new shares in total were issued at HK\$0.19 per share, with consideration (net of transaction costs) of approximately HK\$19,530,000.

12 TRADE, BILLS AND RETENTION PAYABLES

	As at 31 December	
	2021	2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Trade payables (Note (a))	105,553	119,244
Bills payable (Note (b))		5,820
Retention payable (Note (c))	19,031	12,538
Trade, bills and retention payables	124,584	137,602

(a) Trade payables

Trade payables are unsecured and the credit terms of trade payables granted by suppliers ranges from 30 to 60 days from invoice date. The ageing analysis of trade payables based on invoice date as at 31 December 2021 and 2020 were as follows:

	As at 31 December	
	2021	2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
0-30 days	47,091	61,878
31–60 days	14,821	33,005
61–90 days	4,146	7,851
91–120 days	11,778	7,062
Over 120 days	27,717	9,448
	105,553	119,244

(b) Bills payable

The balance represents bank acceptance notes with maturity dates within four months. The maturity days of the bills payable of the Group are as follows:

	As at 31 December	
	2021	2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Due within 30 days	_	3,473
Due between 31 to 60 days	_	1,518
Due between 61 to 120 days		829
	<u> </u>	5,820

(c) Retention payables

Retention payables are settled in accordance with the terms of the respective contracts. The terms and conditions in relation to the release of retention vary from contract to contract, which is subject to practical completion, the expiry of the defect liability period or a pre-agreed time period. In the consolidated statement of financial position, retention payables were classified as current liabilities based on operating cycle. The ageing analysis of these retention payables based on the terms of related contracts was as follows:

	As at 31 December	
	2021	2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Will be settled within twelve months Will be settled more than twelve months after	2,214	3,408
the end of the year	16,817	9,130
	19,031	12,538

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Business Review

The Group is principally engaged in providing one-stop design and build solutions for façade works and BMU systems works in Hong Kong. Through the Company's principal operating subsidiaries, Acme Metal Works (International) Limited and Acme Gondola Systems Limited, the Group has accumulated over 32 years of experience in façade works industry in Hong Kong, and over 21 years of experience in BMU systems works industry in Hong Kong.

The Group's design and build solution services in relation to façade works and BMU systems works generally cover design, preparation of shop drawings and structural calculations, procurement of building materials and BMU systems, installation and logistics arrangement services, on-site project supervision, post-completion maintenance services and project management. To a smaller extent, the Group also provides one-off repair and maintenance services for façade works and one-off and regular repair and maintenance services for BMU systems works. The Group's façade works focus on the private sector and cover residential buildings and commercial buildings. The Group's BMU systems works cover both private and public sectors and cover residential buildings, commercial buildings, industrial buildings as well as community facilities.

Since the outbreak of the novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") over two years ago, the construction and materials delivery schedules and the operating environment of the construction industry have been affected to varying degrees. Even though the Group has taken a number of measures in 2020 to cope with the various changes caused by the COVID-19 epidemic, the Group still faces many challenges during the Year. The ongoing and unforeseen changes to the construction timetable, as well as substantial fluctuations in the building materials prices, have substantially increased the cost of certain projects of the Group, and the façade works business ("Façade Works Business") recorded gross losses for the Year.

The revenue of the Group for the Year was approximately HK\$376.6 million, representing a decrease of approximately 13.6% as compared with that of approximately HK\$435.8 million recorded for the year ended 31 December 2020. Details of the revenue of the Group are set out in the section headed "Financial Review" below.

While the revenue and gross profit of the Group's BMU system business for the Year recorded an increase of 63.7% and 37.5%, respectively, as compared to the year ended 31 December 2020, such increase could not offset the loss incurred by various works in relation to the Façade Works Business due to the reasons set out below, resulting in an increase in the consolidated net loss of the Group.

The net loss of the Group was primarily due to the combined effect of the following:

- (i) due to the outbreak of COVID-19, the supply chain management and production capacity of construction material suppliers for the Façade Works Business were affected, resulting in suppliers' delayed delivery and a decline in product quality of construction materials. In order to catch up with the original schedule for the on-going projects and to maintain the quality of the Group's construction work, the Group incurred additional subcontracting charges and material costs to speed up the installation process and to replace the defective construction materials, which had led to a significant loss in certain projects for the Year;
- (ii) the Group was awarded a number of large-scale unitised curtain wall projects in 2019 and the main construction works thereof were commenced in 2020. The progress of the projects was directly impacted by the significant delay in the delivery of construction material parts by some unitised curtain wall suppliers as a result of COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, the Group has engaged new approved suppliers to supply construction material parts for certain projects in the second half of 2020, with a view to reduce the impact brought by any delay in the supply chain. However, upon on-site inspection conducted on certain projects during the Year, the Group realised that the quality of certain construction material parts for unitised curtain wall construction which were purchased from the new suppliers failed to meet the main contractor's requirements. Accordingly, the Group had to incur additional subcontracting charges and material costs to replace and repair the defective construction materials, which had led to a significant loss in certain projects;
- (iii) a number of façade construction projects were delayed and construction plans were altered on account of the prolonged impact of COVID-19 pandemic. In order to deal with any unexpected change to the on-site arrangements initiated by any contractor and delay in progress on site while the construction was underway, the Group had to incur more subcontracting charges for maintaining sufficient manpower in construction sites during the affected period and additional storage and transportation cost for making corresponding logistics arrangements;
- (iv) the supply chain management of some construction material suppliers for the Façade Works Business was affected to a large extent by the prolonged impact of COVID-19 pandemic, which resulted in suppliers' delay in the delivery of construction materials. For the purpose of aligning the progress of on-going projects to its original schedule, the Group had to incur additional subcontracting charges and material costs to catch up with the construction plans;
- (v) during the Year, the costs of various projects further increased due to the substantial increase in the purchase costs of raw materials for major construction materials (mainly aluminium, steel and glass) used in the Façade Works Business and the appreciation of RMB; and
- (vi) loss recorded from a façade construction project in Kwun Tong due to unexpected substantial modification and delay of the contracted construction plan of the third phase of the project as disclosed in the announcements of the Company dated 29 July 2021 and 4 October 2021 and the interim report of the Company for the period ended 30 June 2021.

OUTLOOK

The COVID-19 epidemic has been affecting us more than 2 years. Although the epidemic has gradually been under control as the COVID-19 vaccination rate continued to rise, the new variants of viruses indicates that the epidemic will not end in a near term. The prospects for global economic recovery and the operation of the Group are still full of uncertainties.

With a view to dealing with the intensified competition and challenges in the Façade Works Business, the Group will continue to adopt a more conservative tendering strategy in this business and will continue to strengthen the development of the BMU Systems Business. The Group will continue to closely monitor the market conditions and adjust its business strategies and operations to mitigate the Group's operational risks in response to the challenges brought by the business environment.

Moreover, the Group expects to vigorously develop the green new energy business in the coming year, including but not limited to developing the following sectors through the joint venture of the Group, Zhejiang Xinneng Zhonghe Technology Co., Ltd. (浙江信能中和科技有限公司): (i) green building construction materials; (ii) new energy including solar energy, hydrogen energy and energy storage system; and (iii) carbon emission trading, low and zero carbon technologies. The Group anticipates that additional fundraising may be required from time to time to support the working capital expenditure to achieve such business growth.

Looking ahead, the Group will continue to be cautiously optimistic about the construction industry in Hong Kong and will solidify and strengthen the existing business, while seeking opportunities from time to time to enhance the Group's recurring income and reward the shareholders of the Company.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Revenue

As mentioned under the section headed "Business Review" above, the progresses of certain façade construction projects of the Group were significantly affected by the prolonged impact of COVID-19 pandemic and the defective construction materials provided by suppliers, the revenue of Façade Works Business for the Year significantly decreased to approximately HK\$213.5 million from approximately HK\$336.2 million for the year ended 31 December 2020. Consequently, the Group recorded revenue of approximately HK\$376.6 million, representing a decrease of 13.6% as compared to approximately HK\$435.8 million recorded for the year ended 31 December 2020.

The following table sets forth a breakdown of the revenue of the Group by business stream for the year indicated:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2021	2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Façade Works Business	213,485	336,203
BMU Systems Business	163,079	99,594
Total	376,564	435,797

Gross (loss)/profit and gross (loss)/profit margin

The gross profit margin of the BMU Systems Business was approximately 24.6% and 29.3% for the years ended 31 December 2021 and 2020, respectively. The decrease in the gross profit margin of the BMU System Business for the Year was mainly due to the competitive project pricing arising from intense market competition.

As a result of the reasons mentioned under the section headed "Business Review", the Façade Works Business recorded a gross loss of approximately HK\$180.2 million for the Year as compared with the gross loss of approximately HK\$54.8 million was recorded for the year ended 31 December 2020.

The following table sets forth a breakdown of the gross (loss)/profit of the Group by business stream for the year indicated:

	Year ended 31 December			
	2021		2020	
		Gross		Gross
	Gross	(loss)/profit	Gross	(loss)/profit
	(loss)/profit	margin	(loss)/profit	margin
	HK\$'000	%	HK\$'000	%
Façade Works Business	(180,174)	(84.4)	(54,765)	(16.3)
BMU Systems Business	40,065	24.6	29,140	29.3
Total	(140,109)	(37.2)	(25,625)	(5.9)

Other income

The other income of the Group for the Year decreased to approximately HK\$0.7 million from approximately HK\$6.8 million for the year ended 31 December 2020. The decrease in other income mainly consisted of the government grant under the employment support scheme received by the Group in 2020.

Other (losses)/gains, net

During the Year, the other net losses of the Group recorded approximately HK\$2.4 million as compared to approximately HK\$0.6 million net gains recorded in 2020. The other net losses for the Year was mainly contributed by the write off of prepayment for information system upgrade during the Year.

Administrative expenses

The administrative expenses of the Group primarily consist of (i) employee benefit expenses for its administrative and management personnel; (ii) insurance expenses; (iii) entertainment expenses; (iv) office expenses; (v) travelling expenses; (vi) depreciation expenses; (vii) bank charges; (viii) legal and professional fees; (ix) auditor's remuneration; and (x) other expenses, which primarily include repair and maintenance expenses, storage charges, motor vehicle expenses and etc.

The administrative expenses of the Group slightly increased by approximately HK\$2.0 million to approximately HK\$32.0 million for the Year, as compared to approximately HK\$30.0 million for the year ended 31 December 2020. The increase was mainly contributed by the increase in employee benefit expenses of approximately HK\$1.3 million due to talent retention.

Finance income and Finance costs

The finance income of the Group represents the interest income from bank deposits, and the finance costs of the Group represent the interest expenses arising from borrowings and, to a lesser extent, its lease liabilities.

The net of finance costs of the Group for the Year increased to HK\$1.9 million from HK\$0.2 million for the year ended 31 December 2020, which was mainly due to the increase in borrowings drawn by the Company during the Year.

Income tax (expenses)/credits

The Group's operation is mainly based in Hong Kong which is subject to Hong Kong profit tax calculated at 16.5%. During the Year, the Group's subsidiary in Macau is subject to complementary tax at a standard rate of 12%. The Group recorded income tax expenses of approximately HK\$11.8 million, compared to the year ended 31 December 2020 of income tax credits of HK\$0.7 million. The income tax expenses for the Year were mainly attributable to the current tax charges on BMU System Business and the reversal of deferred tax credits regarding to the tax loss in Façade Works Business.

Net loss for the Year

As a result of the foregoing, the Group reported a net loss of approximately HK\$187.5 million for the Year compared to a net loss of approximately HK\$47.8 million for the year ended 31 December 2020.

LIQUIDITY, FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND CAPITAL STRUCTURE

As at 31 December 2021 and 2020, the Group's monetary assets, including cash and cash equivalents, pledged deposits and restricted deposit were approximately HK\$96.1 million and HK\$107.3 million, respectively.

In January 2021, the Group entered into a loan agreement in which the lender had agreed to make available a loan facility up to an aggregate amount of HK\$18 million to finance the general operation of the Group. The loan was denominated in HK\$, unsecured, interest bearing at 6.5% per annum, and repayable on the sixth month from the date of drawn down. The first HK\$5 million loan was drawn down on 28 January 2021, and the maturity date of the loan was extended to 28 June 2022. The second HK\$5 million loan was drawn down on 1 March 2021, and the maturity date of the loan was subsequently extended to 1 September 2022. The third HK\$5 million loan was drawn down on 10 August 2021, and the maturity date was subsequently extended to 10 August 2022. As at 31 December 2021, the Group had a total facility from this third party amounting to HK\$18 million of which HK\$3 million was unutilised.

In October 2021, the Group entered into a loan agreement with a director of the Company's subsidiary, Mr. Mak Kim Hung ("Mr. Mak"), in which Mr. Mak had agreed to make available a loan facility up to an aggregate amount of HK\$10 million to finance the general operation of the Group. The loan was denominated in HK\$, unsecured, interest bearing at 5.5% per annum, and repayable by 28 February 2022. In February 2022, the Group entered into a supplemental loan agreement with Mr. Mak to extend the repayment date to 30 June 2023, with the other terms remaining unchanged.

In November 2021, the Group entered into a loan agreement with a director of the Company, Mr. Kwan Kam Tim ("Mr. Kwan"), in which Mr. Kwan had agreed to make available a loan facility up to an aggregate amount of HK\$10 million to finance the general operation of the Group. The loan was denominated in HK\$, unsecured, interest bearing at 5.5% per annum, and repayable by 30 June 2022. In January and March 2022, the Group entered into two supplemental loan agreements with Mr. Kwan to increase the loan facility up to an aggregate amount of HK\$28 million and extend the repayment date to 30 June 2023, with the other terms remaining unchanged.

As at 31 December 2021 and 2020, the Group's total borrowings amounted to approximately HK\$49.3 million and HK\$5.3 million, respectively. The borrowings as at 31 December 2021 were denominated in Hong Kong Dollars (2020: same) and carried at interest rates of 5.50% to 6.50% per annum (2020: 6.13% per annum).

As at 31 December 2021 and 2020, the Group had unutilised credit facilities of HK\$28.2 million and HK\$16.0 million, respectively.

The Group's gearing ratios (total debt, being the total of borrowings and lease liabilities, as at the year ended divided by total equity attributable to shareholder as at the year ended and multiplied by 100%) significantly increased to approximately 34.9%, compared to gearing ratio of 2.0% as at 31 December 2020. The increase in gearing ratio was mainly attributable to the increase in total debt from approximately HK\$6.5 million as at 31 December 2020 to approximately HK\$53.8 million as at 31 December 2021 and the decrease in total equity due to net loss for the Year.

TREASURY POLICIES

The Group has adopted a prudent financial management approach towards its treasury policies and thus maintained a healthy liquidity position throughout the Year. The Board closely monitors the Group's liquidity position to ensure that the liquidity structure of the Group's assets, liabilities and other commitments can meet its funding requirements from time to time. Surplus cash will be invested appropriately so that the Group will have adequate cash for its business operation and business development.

Foreign exchange

The Group mainly operates in Hong Kong and the majority of the operating transactions such as revenue, expenses, monetary assets and liabilities are denominated in Hong Kong Dollars. As such, the Directors are of the view that the Group's risk in foreign exchange is insignificant and that the Group should have sufficient resources to meet foreign exchange requirements as and if they arise. Therefore, the Group did not engage in any derivatives contracts to hedge its exposure to foreign exchange risk during the Year.

USE OF PROCEEDS FROM THE SHARE OFFER

The net proceeds from the Listing amounted to HK\$84.4 million (after deducting underwriting fees and commissions and all related expenses). Such net proceeds were applied in accordance with the proposed application as disclosed in the prospectus of the Group dated 25 October 2019 (the "Prospectus"). As at 31 December 2021, the net proceeds were fully utilised as follows:

	Net proceeds (HK\$ million)		
	Adjusted use of proceeds as per	Actual utilised amount up to 31 December	Utilisation during
Implementation plan	Prospectus	2020	the Year
Funding the upfront costs required	16.9	16.0	
for new projects Funding the issuance of surety bonds required	46.8	46.8	_
for new projects	19.2	19.2	_
Recruiting additional staff	6.8	4.2	2.6
Purchasing an enterprise resource planning ("ERP") system and additional computer			
equipment and software	3.2	2.6	0.6
Working capital and other general			
corporate purposes	8.4	8.4	
Total	84.4	81.2	3.2

MATERIAL ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSALS

The Group did not have any material acquisitions or disposals of assets, subsidiaries, associated companies or joint ventures during the Year.

SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS HELD

Except for investment in subsidiaries, the Group did not have any significant investments in equity interest as at 31 December 2021.

FUTURE PLANS FOR MATERIAL INVESTMENTS OR CAPITAL ASSETS

Save for those disclosed under the section headed "Commitments and contingent liabilities in respect of a joint venture" in this announcement, as at 31 December 2021, the Group has no plan for any material investments or capital assets.

PLEDGE OF ASSETS

As at 31 December 2021, pledged deposits in the sum of approximately HK\$65.4 million (2020: HK\$62.2 million) were placed with banks as securities for certain banking facilities of the Group.

CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

Save of those disclosed under the section headed "Commitments and contingent liabilities in respect of a joint venture" in this announcement, as at 31 December 2021, the Group has no capital commitments (2020: HK\$0.6 million relating to the establishment of a customised ERP system).

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

At each of the years ended 31 December 2021 and 2020, the Group's contingent liabilities were as follows:

(i) Surety bonds

	As at 31 December	
	2021	2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Surety bonds (Note)	50,359	43,530

Note: As at 31 December 2021, the Group provided guarantees of surety bonds in respect of 28 (2020: 17) construction contracts of the Group in its ordinary course of business respectively. The surety bonds are expected to be released in accordance with the term of the respective construction contracts.

(ii) Claim

In 2018, the Group received a claim from a customer for damage amounting to approximately HK\$3.4 million. During the Year, the Group received a revised claim of approximately HK\$2.9 million from the customer. Up to the date of this announcement, the directors are of the opinion that the final outcome is unable to be determined at this stage. They believe that the Group has reasonable ground to defend the claim which would not result in any material adverse effects to the consolidated financial statements of the Group.

COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES IN RESPECT OF A JOINT VENTURE

技有限公司) ("Xinneng Zhonghe"), a 60% equity-interest-owned joint venture of the Group, was incorporated in the People's Republic of China with registered share capital of RMB10 million. Its principal activities are expected to develop business in (i) green building construction materials; (ii) new energy including solar energy, hydrogen energy and energy storage system; and (iii) carbon emission trading, low and zero carbon technologies. Xinneng Zhonghe was not in operation during the year ended 31 December 2021. As at 31 December 2021, the Group has not injected any share capital into the joint venture and is committed to provide funding to the joint venture's share capital of RMB6 million (equivalent to HK\$7.4 million) (2020: Nil). The Group had no contingent liabilities in respect of the joint venture (2020: N/A).

EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION POLICY

As at 31 December 2021, the Group had 128 full-time employees (2020: 172 employees). The Group enters into employment contracts with its employees to cover matters such as position, term of employment, wages, employee benefits and liabilities for breaches and grounds for termination.

Remuneration of the Group's employees (including the Directors) is generally structured by reference to market terms and individual merits. Salaries are reviewed annually with reference to market conditions and the performance, qualifications and experience of individual employees.

Discretionary bonuses are paid on an annual basis based on the results of the Group, individual performance and other relevant factors. The Company has also introduced the key performance indicators assessment scheme to boost performance and operational efficiency.

The Company has also adopted a share option scheme and a share award scheme to recognise and reward the eligible employees for their contributions to the business and development of the Group.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

On 17 January 2022, all of the Pre-IPO Share Options granted was cancelled in accordance with the terms of the Pre-IPO Share Option Scheme. Approximately HK\$10.0 million of share-based payment expenses will be recorded, with a corresponding increase in share-based payment reserve, without cash outlay for the year ending 31 December 2022 as an acceleration of vesting in accordance with the relevant accounting standards. Thereafter, the total share-based payment reserve (a non-distributable reserve) of approximately HK\$22.0 million, which includes the opening balance brought forward from 31 December 2021 of approximately HK\$12.0 million, will be transferred to retained earnings (a distributable reserve). The cancellation of the Pre-IPO Share Option has no material adverse effect on the financial position of the Group.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND OTHER INFORMATION

Corporate Governance Practices

The Group is committed to maintaining high standards of corporate governance to safeguard the interests of the Shareholders and to enhance corporate value and accountability. The Company has adopted the Corporate Governance Code (the "CG Code") set out in Appendix 14 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the "Listing Rules") as its own code of corporate governance. To the best knowledge of the Directors, the Company had complied with the applicable code provisions as set out in the CG Code throughout the Year, except the following deviation:

Code provision C.2.1

Under code provision C.2.1 of the CG Code, the roles of the chairman and the chief executive officer should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual. On 10 November 2021, Mr. Mak Kim Hung resigned as the chief executive officer of the Company. On 30 December 2021, Mr. Kwan Kam Tim, the chairman of the Board, has been appointed as the chief executive officer of the Company. Between 10 November 2021 and 30 December 2021, the Company has not appointed a chief executive officer and the roles and functions of the chief executive officer have been performed by all the executive Directors collectively.

Code provision C.6.2

Pursuant to code provision C.6.2 of the CG Code, a board meeting should be held to discuss the appointment of the company secretary and the matter should be dealt with by a physical board meeting rather than a written resolution. The appointment of a joint company secretary of the Company in August 2021 was dealt with by a written resolution. The Board considers that, prior to the execution of the written resolution to appoint the joint company secretary, all Directors were individually consulted on the matter without any dissenting opinion and the matter does not need to be approved by a physical board meeting instead of a written resolution.

The Company will continue to review and enhance its corporate governance practices to ensure compliance with the CG Code. Further information about the corporate governance practices of the Company will be set out in the annual report of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Purchase, Sale or Redemption of the Company's Listed Securities

Neither the Company, nor any of its subsidiaries, had purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities during the Year.

Model code for securities transactions by directors

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the "Model Code") as its own code of conduct regarding Directors' securities transactions. Having made specific inquiries with all the Directors, each of the Directors has confirmed that he/she has complied with the Model Code during the Year.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

It is proposed that the forthcoming annual general meeting of the Company (the "AGM") will be held on Friday, 27 May 2022. The notice of AGM will be published and delivered to the Shareholders in due course.

FINAL DIVIDEND

The Board does not recommend payment of final dividend for the Year.

Closure of Register of Members

The register of members of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, 24 May 2022 to Friday, 27 May 2022 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares will be registered, for purpose of determining the right to attend and vote at the AGM. All transfer of the Company's shares together with the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's branch share registrar and transfer office in Hong Kong no later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, 23 May 2022 in order for the holders of the shares to qualify to attend and vote at the AGM or any adjournment thereof.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The audit committee of the Company (the "Audit Committee") comprises three independent non-executive directors of the Company with written terms of reference in accordance with the requirements of the Listing Rules. The Audit Committee has reviewed and has agreed with the auditor of the Company on the Group's audited final results for the year ended 31 December 2021.

SCOPE OF WORK OF PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS

The figures in respect of the Group's consolidated statement of financial position, consolidated income statement, consolidated statement of comprehensive income, and the related notes thereto for the Year as set out in this announcement have been agreed by the Group's auditor, PricewaterhouseCoopers ("PwC"), to the amounts set out in the Group's audited consolidated financial statements for the year. The work performed by PwC in this respect did not constitute an assurance engagement in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing, Hong Kong Standards on Review Engagements or Hong Kong Standards on Assurance Engagements issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and consequently no assurance has been expressed by PwC in this announcement.

PUBLICATION OF THE 2021 ANNUAL RESULTS AND THE 2021 ANNUAL REPORT ON THE WEBSITES OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE AND THE COMPANY

This announcement is published on the website of the Stock Exchange (www.hkexnews.hk) as well as the website of the Company (www.acmehld.com). The annual report of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2021 will be dispatched to Shareholders and made available on the websites of the Stock Exchange and the Company in due course.

By order of the Board of

Acme International Holdings Limited

Mr. Kwan Kam Tim

Chairman and Executive Director

Hong Kong, 25 March 2022

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises seven members, of which Mr. Kwan Kam Tim, Mr. Yip Wing Shing, Mr. Gao Shufang and Ms. Leung Ng Mui May are the executive directors of the Company; and Prof. Lau Chi Pang, J.P., Mr. Chin Wai Keung Richard and Prof. Mo Lai Lan are the independent non-executive directors of the Company.